



**PATENT**

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Examiner: Teresa J. Walberg  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING  
HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2005, Paper No./Mail Date  
071405, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35  
U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a method of manufacturing a heat exchanger tube, classified in class 29, subclass 890.053.
- II. Claim 9, drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a heat exchanger tube, classified in class 29, subclass 726.

III. Claims 10 and 11, drawn to a heat exchanger tube, classified in class 165, subclass 151.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Invention I defined by Claims 1-8. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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